



# Takoma Park JazzFest

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winter fundraiser –

## Jazz Band Brawl 11

Sun., Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m.

Takoma Station

6914 Fourth St., N.W.

Takoma, D.C.

**judges –**

TBA, JazzFest

Rusty Hassan, WPFW-FM

TBA, Academia

**previous winners –**

Bacas-Cunneff Quartet

Unified Jazz Ensemble

Darryl Brenzel Quartet

Nicki Gonzalez Band

Charles Wright Trio

James Cotton Quartet

Neal Anderson Quartet

One Step Up

Postmodern Blues

Karen Lovejoy Group

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DATE – December 11, 2006

SUBJECT – bands sought for Eleventh Annual Jazz Band Brawl

RELEASE – immediate

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### T.P. JAZZFEST COMPETITION STARTS BAND SEARCH

The Jazz Band Brawl, the annual ensemble competition/fundraiser for the Takoma Park JazzFest, is now searching for this season's contestants. The eleventh annual Brawl will take place from 2:30 am. till 6 pm. on Sunday, February 11, 2007, at Takoma Station jazz club, 6914 Fourth St., N.W., Takoma, D.C. Requested donations at the door will be \$15 regular and \$10 youth/senior.

The JazzFest is now looking for bands for the competition. Any jazz style, era or size of group is welcome. For the preliminary round, contestant bands submitting recordings will be winnowed down to three finalists. The three will then play one-hour sets in front of judges and audience in the final round of the Brawl February 12 at Takoma Station. The deadline for entries is January 22.

The prize for the winner of the competition is an appearance at the Saturday, June 9, main festival in Takoma Park's Jequie Park for the JazzFest's standard \$600 performance fee. Second and third prizes will be announced later. Previous victors include the Chris Bacas-Phil Cunneff Quartet, the Unified Jazz Ensemble, the Darryl Brenzel Quartet, the Nicki Gonzalez Band, the Charles Wright Trio, the James Cotton Quartet, Neal Anderson Quartet, One Step Up, PostModern Blues and the Karen Lovejoy Group.

Jazz historian and disk jockey Rusty Hassan of WPFW-FM, the Brawl's judge representing the media, has taken part in the Brawl from its inception. Judges representing academia and the JazzFest organization will be announced later.

The theme for this season's main Takoma Park JazzFest will be "Body Music - Soloists Without Instruments." In addition to the Brawl winner and a jam session, musicians will include Takoma Park's own double Grammy winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer yodeling in front of a Western Swing band, championship whistler Chris Ullman, a tap dancer, a scat singer and ragtime, Harlem Stride and classic boogie-woogie pianist "Perfessor" Bill Edwards. A group from Takoma Park Middle School will step dance during intermissions.

A tent will protect the crowd from rain or sun, and the midway will be filled with food vendors, artists and crafters, community organization and business tables and a jazz flea market. It will occur from 11 am. to 7 pm. on Saturday, June 9, 2007, and is free.

Prospective contestant bands for the Brawl may call executive producer Dave Lorentz for further information at (301) 589-4433 or log onto tpjazzfest.org.

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# Is your band the best?

Now you can prove it by winning the  
**Takoma Park JazzFest's**  
Eleventh Annual winter fundraiser  
**Jazz Band Brawl**

## **previous winners**

Bacas-Cunneff Quartet  
Unified Jazz Ensemble  
Darryl Brenzel Quartet  
Nicki Gonzalez Band  
Charles Wright Trio  
James Cotton Quartet

Neal-Anderson Quartet

One Step Up  
Postmodern Blues  
Karen Lovejoy Group

## **judges**

Rusty Hassan, WPFW, media  
TBA, academia & JazzFest

- **preliminary round** – send in recording and biographical/contact information on the band by Jan. 21
- **final round** – three finalists perform one-hour sets in front of three judges and a crowd

Jazz Band Brawl 11 – 2:30-6:15 pm. on Sunday, February 11, 2007, at Takoma Station, 6914 Fourth St., N.W., Takoma, D.C.

- **the pay-off** – winning band plays a 55-minute set at the main JazzFest for \$600 standard fee

**FIRST PRIZE:** gig at Takoma Park JazzFest 12 - 11 am.-7 pm. on Saturday, June 9, 2007, on covered stage at Jequie Park, Fenton St. & Takoma Ave., Takoma Park, MD

**SECOND & THIRD PRIZES:** TBA

send entries to:

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**more info**

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